

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Psychology hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 240, “Licensure of Psychologists,” and Chapter 242, “Discipline for Psychologists,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments clarify the requirements for supervisors; clarify the requirements for and increase flexibility in the supervised professional experience; allow applicants who were matriculated in a doctoral program of psychology as of January 12, 2005, to be considered for licensure if the Board determines that the doctoral program is equivalent to programs meeting specified criteria in subrule 240.3(3); remove a title designation that is duplicative of the health service training program requirements and remove supervision of unlicensed persons who are licensed in other states; clarify the organized health service training program requirements and revise the total number of hours to be consistent with the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC); clarify that the Board accepts the passing score established by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) for the examination; remove the requirement that the Board send a renewal notice by regular mail to licensees to be consistent with Iowa law; and rescind the requirements for mental, physical, or clinical competency examinations, as these requirements are now stated in Chapter 4 of the rules for the Professional Licensure Division.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than September 13, 2011, addressed to Sharon Dozier, Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; E-mail [sdozier@idph.state.ia.us](mailto:sdozier@idph.state.ia.us).

A public hearing will be held on September 7, 2011, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 415, Lucas State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 154B and 272C.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **645—240.1(154B)**, definition of “Supervisor,” as follows:

*“Supervisor” means a licensed psychologist who ~~meets the qualifications stated in these rules~~, during the time in which supervision is provided, is actively licensed in the jurisdiction where the supervision occurs.*

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 240.3(3), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**240.3(3)** ~~At~~ Unless otherwise stated in this rules, at the time of an applicant’s graduation:

ITEM 3. Renumber subrule **240.3(4)** as **240.3(5)**.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** subrule 240.3(4):

**240.3(4)** Applicants who were matriculated prior to January 12, 2005, in a doctoral program of psychology that the board determines is equivalent to programs meeting one of the criteria in subrule 240.3(3) shall be deemed to have met the educational requirement. This provision does not apply to applicants who are foreign-trained.

ITEM 5. Amend rule 645—240.5(154B) as follows:

**645—240.5(154B) Title designations.**

**240.5(1)** Applicants for licensure who have met educational requirements but have not yet passed the EPPP may be designated “psychology associate” or “associate in psychology.” The title “psychology associate” or “associate in psychology” shall not be used except in the person’s employment and supervision that meet the requirements of ~~subrule~~ subrules 240.6(1) and 240.6(2).

**240.5(2)** Applicants for licensure who have passed the EPPP and who are fulfilling the experience requirements specified herein for licensure may be designated “psychology resident” or “resident in psychology.” The designation of “resident” shall not be used except in the employment and supervised experience that meet the requirements of ~~subrule~~ subrules 240.6(1) and 240.6(2).

**240.5(3)** ~~Applicants for licensure who are engaged in organized health service training programs as specified in rule 645—240.7(154B) shall use one of the titles specified in paragraph 240.7(2)“i.”~~

**240.5(4)** ~~Persons licensed in another state who are in the process of seeking licensure in Iowa and who are being supervised until obtaining an Iowa license may use the designation “Licensed Psychologist, (name of state)” for a period of up to one year from the date of application.~~

ITEM 6. Amend subrule 240.6(1) as follows:

**240.6(1)** The supervised professional experience shall:

- a. Be ~~at least~~ one year or a minimum of 1500 hours of supervised professional experience;
- b. Apply the principles of psychology;
- c. Be supervised by a licensed psychologist ~~as specified in accordance with~~ subrule 240.6(2) or ~~and rule 645—240.9(154B);~~
- d. Be performed competently as attested to by the supervisor;
- e. Have the fees and receipt of payment schedule remain the sole domain of the employing agency or supervising psychologist.

ITEM 7. Amend subrule 240.6(2) as follows:

**240.6(2)** Requirements.

- a. To meet the requirements of the supervised professional experience, the supervisee must:
  - (1) ~~Meet a minimum of one hour per week, face to face and individually with the supervisor during each week in which experience hours are accrued, for no less than a total of 45 hours during the period of supervised professional experience;~~
  - (2) Have training that is appropriate to the functions to be performed;
  - (3) Work in the same physical setting as the supervisor unless ~~otherwise~~ a completed off-site supervision form is submitted to and approved by the board;
  - (4) Offer work in the name of the supervising psychologist;
  - (5) Begin the experience after all academic requirements for the doctoral degree are met and when all degree requirements are verified in writing;
  - (6) Not apply professional employment that occurs prior to meeting the doctoral academic requirements to the supervised professional experience; and
  - ~~(7) Compute part-time employment on a prorated basis for the supervised professional experience; and~~
  - ~~(8)~~ (7) Have the background, training, and experience that is appropriate to the functions performed.
- b. To meet the requirements of the supervised professional experience, the supervisor must:
  - (1) Be a licensed psychologist as specified in rule ~~240.2(154B) or 240.9(154B)~~ 645—240.1(154B);
  - (2) Complete the supervision form provided by the board;
  - (3) ~~Meet a minimum of one hour per week, face to face and individually with the supervisee during each week in which experience hours are accrued, for no less than a total of 45 hours during the period of supervised professional experience;~~
  - (4) Provide training that is appropriate to the functions to be performed;

(5) Work in the same physical setting as the supervisee unless ~~otherwise~~ a completed off-site supervision form is submitted to and approved by the board;

(6) Have work offered in the name of the supervising psychologist;

(7) Have no more than three full-time persons associated with the supervisor as listed on the supervisor report form obtained from the board;

(8) Not provide group supervision as part of ~~this experience~~ the 45 hours required for individual supervision;

(9) Not supervise any psychological practice or permit the supervisor's supervisee to engage in any psychological practice which the supervisor cannot perform competently; and

(10) Be responsible for determining competency of the work performed by the supervisee and the designation of the title of the supervisee.

ITEM 8. Rescind subrule **240.6(5)**.

ITEM 9. Amend paragraph **240.7(1)“a”** as follows:

a. Verify at least two years of clinical experience in a recognized health service setting or meet the standards of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. Two years of clinical experience means two years of supervised experience in health service in psychology, of which at least one year is in an organized health service training program as defined in ~~subrule 240.7(2)~~ these rules and one year is postdoctoral in a recognized health service setting as defined in these rules that meets the requirements for supervised professional experience stated in subrules 240.6(1) and 240.6(2).

ITEM 10. Rescind subrule 240.7(2) and adopt the following new subrule in lieu thereof:

**240.7(2) Requirements of the organized health service training program.** Internship programs in professional psychology that are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association (APA) or that hold membership in the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) are deemed approved. Applicants completing an organized health service training program that is not APA-approved or AAPIC-designated at the time the applicant completes the training shall cause documentation to be sent from the program to establish that the program:

a. Provides the intern with a planned, programmed sequence of training experiences.

b. Has a clearly designated doctoral-level staff psychologist who is responsible for the integrity and quality of the training program and is actively licensed by the board of psychology in the jurisdiction in which the program exists.

c. Has two or more doctoral-level psychologists on the staff who serve as primary supervisors and are actively licensed by the board of psychology in the jurisdiction in which the program exists.

d. Has supervision that is provided by staff members of the organized health service training program or by an affiliate of the organized health service training program who carry clinical responsibility for the cases being supervised. At least half of the internship supervision shall be provided by one or more doctoral-level psychologists.

e. Provides training in a range of psychological assessment and treatment activities conducted directly with recipients of psychological services.

f. Ensures that trainees have a minimum of 375 hours of direct patient contact.

g. Includes a minimum of two hours per week (regardless of whether the internship is completed in one year or two years) of regularly scheduled, formal, face-to-face individual supervision with the specific intent of dealing with psychological services rendered directly by the intern. There must also be at least two additional hours per week in learning activities such as case conferences involving a case in which the intern is actively involved, seminars dealing with clinical issues, cotherapy with a staff person including discussion, group supervision, and additional individual supervision.

h. Has training that is at the postclerkship, postpracticum, and postexternship level.

i. Has a minimum of two interns at the internship level of training during any period of training.

j. Designates for internship-level trainees titles such as “intern,” “resident,” “fellow,” or other designation of trainee status.

*k.* Has a written statement or brochure which describes the goals and content of the internship, states clear expectations for quantity and quality of trainees' work and is made available to prospective interns.

*l.* Provides a minimum of 1500 hours of training experience that shall be completed in no less than 12 months within a 24-consecutive-month period.

ITEM 11. Amend subrule 240.10(3) as follows:

**240.10(3)** Provides one of the following: the official EPPP score sent directly to the board from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, or verification of the EPPP score sent directly from the state of initial licensure. The recommended passing score is established by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards shall be considered passing.

ITEM 12. Amend subrule 240.12(1) as follows:

**240.12(1)** The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice psychology shall begin on July 1 of even-numbered years and end on June 30 of the next even-numbered year. ~~The board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license.~~ The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive the notice from the board does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

ITEM 13. Rescind and reserve rule **645—242.5(154B)**.